

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 308

February 2, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Encourages the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop partnerships with minority and other community-based organizations to improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities and to extend public health legal services to minority and low-income individuals receiving social and medical services. Requests DHS to utilize Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to support the partnerships.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, such as the number, extent, and timing of partnerships the Department of Human Services will pursue, a precise fiscal impact cannot be estimated with reasonable certainty at this time.

The extent to which federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funding will be available, if at all, to fund the proposed partnerships is unknown and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

Assumptions:

- The DHS could incur an increase in expenditures to develop partnerships and extend public health legal services to minority and low-income individuals receiving social and medical services.
- The number, extent and scope of any such partnerships DHS will enter into is unknown and is dependent upon future action of the DHS.
- Any use of federal TANF funds for the partnerships or services proposed in this legislation would have to serve one of the TANF program's four fundamental purposes as required by federal law. These purposes are as follows:
 - Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relative;
 - End dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
 - Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and
 - Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.
- According to information provided by DHS, federal TANF funds cannot be used to fund services to individuals exclusively based on race or ethnicity.

- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as the number of partnerships DHS will pursue, the nature, scope and timing of any such partnerships or services, and the amount of funds needed to fully fund any such partnerships, an exact fiscal impact cannot be reasonably quantified.
- The extent to which federal TANF funding will be available, if at all, to fund the proposed partnerships is unknown and cannot be determined with reasonable certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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